

## Memorandum

To : The Conservancy  
The Advisory Committee

Date: September 24, 2007

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Subject: **Agenda Item 20: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Community Conservancy International for a project feasibility study of a stream restoration project along the Los Angeles River adjacent to the Studio City Golf and Tennis Club.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a grant of Proposition 84 funds to Community Conservancy International for a project feasibility study of a stream restoration project along the Los Angeles River adjacent to the Studio City Golf and Tennis Club.

Legislative Authority: **Section 33204.2(a) of the Public Resources Code**

Background: On February 26, 2007 the Board adopted a resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on a Notice of Preparation for the proposed Valley Heart Senior Community at the Studio City Golf and Tennis Club site. This letter recommended that mitigation efforts should be taken to ensure compatibility of the proposed 272-unit development project with the river corridor and the revitalization efforts centered around the Los Angeles River. The subject grant is to create an open space, river and public access focused design alternative to the development proposal for the site.

Community Conservancy International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization specializing in tackling the complex and challenging problems created when people and nature intersect. Community Conservancy International adapts to each new challenge by tailoring their diverse range of skills, expertise and experience to each project's specific needs. Their past projects include communications, site design, strategic planning, research and analysis, community collaboration, project direction and management, scientific, and technical and engineering expertise.

Community Conservancy International will develop a concept design focused on public access, riverfront recreation and water quality for the last remaining unprotected open space for 22 miles along the Los Angeles River in the San Fernando Valley. Work will include landscape design, needs analysis, community outreach in the form of a design workshop, and hydrologic concept design for the site. The attached application from Community Conservancy International gives further details of the project.